Yield of Paddy Field.

106 * **MR. P. S. MUHAMED** (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the various steps that Government have taken for increasing the yield of paddy fields;

(*b*) whether they have made arrangements for securing paddy cultivators good manure; and

(*c*) if so, the amount spent by the Government for that purpose?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: (*a*) A vigorous "food production drive" with special reference to paddy is being carried on by the propaganda staff of the Department of Agriculture.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) So far, manures to the value of Rs. 12,000 have been purchased, and are being distributed among cultivators.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the nature of the propaganda carried on by the Department?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Advocating the use of better ploughs scientific manures such as bone meal, fish refuse and so on.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know for how long they have been doing this?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: For several years past.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is any improvement in the yield of produce by such propaganda?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, the yield has increased perceptibly.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the places where the yield has increased?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Throughout the State wherever scientific manure has been applied.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: May I know whether the ryots have taken advantage of such advice?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, in view of the increase in the cost of agricultural produce there has been considerable response on the part of the ryots.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the strength of the propaganda staff?

MR K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: About 12 Inspectors and 18 Agricultural Demonstrators.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether they are going on tour throughout the State?

MR. K R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Are there any specific statistics with regard to the nature of the improvements effected in any particular locality in the yield?

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MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Answer to part (c) of the question says that manures to the value of Rs. 12,000 have been sold during the last 2 months.

SADASYATILAKA T. K. VELU PILLAI: My question is whether there is any statistics in the Department to show the increase of output by the application of manure in a particular locality?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether the propaganda staff has made any propaganda in the Quilon and Kottarakara taluks?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes, Sir.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the period they stay there.

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: They are doing it almost every day.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the number of manure depots?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: 16.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know the names of the manures kept there?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: All indigenous manures such as compost, oilcakes bone meal etc.

MR. P. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether any depot has been established at Quilon?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): May I know whether any depot is established in the Thiruvalla taluk?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: No.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: Does not the Director of Agriculture know that Thiruvalla taluk is one of the biggest agricultural taluks in Travancore?

MR. K. R. NARAYANA AIYAR: This is only a beginning. We will establish more depots later on at suitable centres.

Sub-Treasury at Chengannur.

167 * MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the question of opening a sub-treasury at Chengannur has been considered by the Government in accordance with the statements made on the floor of this House during the budget sessions of 1115 and 1116; and

(*b*) the action taken in the matter?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AIYAR (*Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The attention of the member is invited to the answer given to part (*b*) of Question No. 124 asked at the last sitting of this House.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know the date on which this question was answered last time?

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AIYAR: In March.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: I want the date.

MR. A. LAKSHMINARAYANA AIYAR: I claim notice.

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